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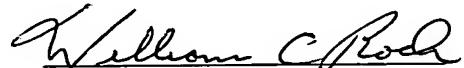
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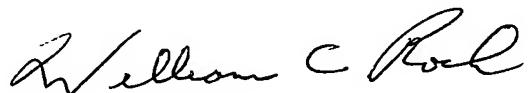

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5-175424	07-1993	Japan				

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